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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the encroachment due to migration of rural work force to the urban areas has increased in the national capital region; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to provide separate settlement colonies for these people and to clear the slums?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)&(b): As per the Regional Plan 2021 of the National Capital Region(NCR), because of acute shortage of affordable shelter,many of the migrants tend to encroach city space and squat on land, be they reserved public utilities and services, commercial and office complexes, playgrounds, parks etc.The Sub-regions of NCT-Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh accommodated 37.33%, 23.42%, 8.07% and 31.19% of NCR`s population respectively.

The Regional Plan 2021 for the NCR further states that in order to clear the slums and address the issue of their settlement,the concept of holding areas` should be incorporated in the Master/Development Plans of the cities/towns in the NCR to be prepared by the State Governments.Such areas would be dedicated to the temporary settlement of migratory influx for a specified period of time,enabling them to economically and physically integrate with the formally developed areas.The steps taken/proposed to be taken to clear the slums include relocation, in-situ upgradation, creation of housing stock for economically weaker sections and urban poor,earmarking of adequate land for EWS housing, ensuring that developers provide dwelling units for community service personnel/EWS/lower income category persons in housing projects etc.